

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Medical Secretaries \(43-6013\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants \(43-6011\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

Focus Occupation: Medical Secretaries (43-6013)

Associated Occupation: Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants (43-6011)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Clerical	7.3	21.6	18.8	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
English Language	11.2	11.7	9.6	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	11.5	18.2	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Administration and Management	8.4	8.8	6.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Computers and Electronics	8.4	8.8	10.8	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	6.4	3.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 98

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Associated Occupation: Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants (43-6011)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Active Listening	11.0	13.6	12.2	<	A higher skill level may be required
Reading Comprehension	10.7	13.3	10.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Service Orientation	7.9	12.5	10.4	<	A higher skill level may be required
Time Management	8.9	10.6	7.7	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Comprehension	12.5	13.9	12.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Expression	12.4	13.5	12.2	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	13.4	10.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Near Vision	11.1	13.1	10.2	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	12.8	11.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	12.2	9.7	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	11.5	11.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	10.3	8.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Memorization	5.6	7.5	4.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 45
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Maintain records, reports, or files	5	
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3	
Use oral or written communication techniques	1	
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 83

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Duplicating machines	6
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1
Personal communication devices	2
Typing machines and accessories	25

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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